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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SY COVERAGE - BAGHDAD

REF: (A) STATE 181918, (B) KARACHI 3580;
(C) TEHRAN 6971 (NOTAL); (D) STATE 186263

1. TSO GRASSLE (REFTEL C) TEHRAN, ADVISED THAT IT TOOK FOUR MONTHS TO OBTAIN A VISA TO IRAQ AND THEN ONLY AFTER TSO REQUESTED USINT BAGHDAD TO HELP. USINT BAGHDAD SENT A REQUEST TO MFA WHO IN TURN CABLED IRAQI EMBASSY TEHRAN GRANTING PERMISSION. CABLE DOES NOT INDICATE TIME FRAME FROM DATE OF REQUEST TO MFA GRANTING VISA.

2. AT ONE TIME, RSO AMMAN REQUESTED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BAGHDAD. ON APRIL 4, 1977, AS RESULT OF MY QUERY, EMBASSY AMMAN FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING, QUATED IN ITS ENTIRETY:

QUOTE: AMMAN 1881:

(1) POST DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT FEASIBLE TO ASSIGN BAGHDAD TO RSO AMMAN.

QUOTE (A): THE POLITICAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
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GOJ AND GOI ARE TENSE AND WE BELIEVE RSO TRAVEL TO BAGHDAD WOULD BE A PROBLEM GENERALLY. IN PARTICULAR IRAQ IS A MAJOR SOURCE OF TERRORITST THREAT TO JORDAN AND WE BELIEVE THAT RSO TRAVEL THERE WOULD BE UNDULY PROVACATIVE

QUOTE (B): IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN VISAS

FROM THE IRAQI EMBASSY FOR US PRIVATE AND BUSINESS TRAVELLERS, TO SAY NOTHING OF US OFFICIAL TRAVELLERS GOING THERE ON REGULAR BASIS.

QUOTE (2) REGRET POST CANNOT BE POSITIVE TO YOUR SUGGESTION REFTEL(TEHRAN 2679). UNQUOTE.

3. UNLESS CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED DRASTICALLY SINCE APRIL, BELIEVE YOU WOULD AGREE ABOVE MESSAGE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH PARA 3, REFTEL(A).

4. AS I RECALL, ATO ATHENS HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING IRAQI VISA FOR A SCHEDULED SITE SURVEY. KIWAIT AND JIDDA ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION, POLITICALLY AND OTHERWISE.

5. THUS, IF USINT BAGHDAD HAS NO OBJECTION IN REQUESTING MFA VISA ASSISTANCE, SUGGEST THAT RSO/ TSO COVERAGE REMAIN WITH TEHRAN. BELIEVE RSO BANNERMAN'S BASIC OBJECTIONS RELATED TO CONSCIENCE MORE THAN SUBSTANCE.

6. HAVE JUST RECEIVED REFTEL D (8/9/77). REGRET THAT ANY BENEFITS FROM THIS MESSAGE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS. RSS STRIVES TO RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BUT APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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